

Updating Your Software

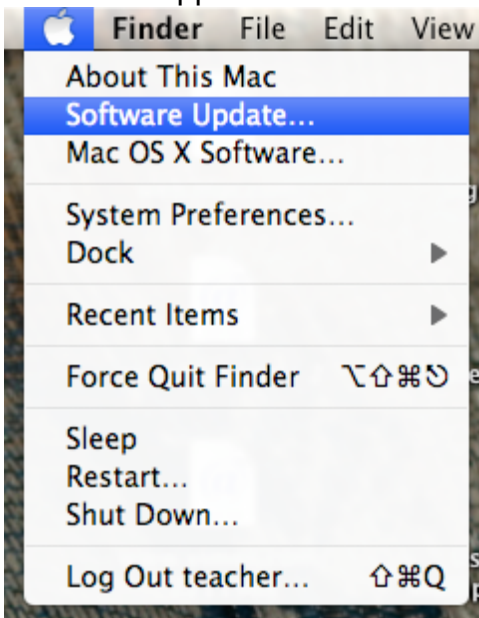
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When you get ready to update your software, one thing to keep in mind is that it will typically go faster if you are doing this at school. Your laptop is directed to the server to help the updating process go quicker...you can still do this from home.

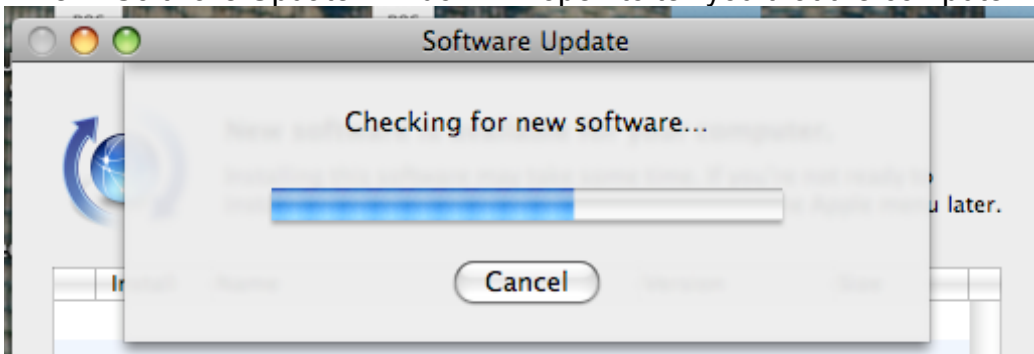
Here are a few things to keep in mind where ever you choose to do your updating:

- Leave a fair amount of time for the process - some updates may take up to 30 minutes.
- Have all other programs closed – your computer will have to restart after the download/install are done. Trying to do other tasks on your computer will only slow down the updating process.
- Have your power cord plugged in to your computer – when getting ready to install and this isn't done, you will get a message asking you to plug your computer into a power source.

Begin by looking to see if you have any necessary software updates. Do this by clicking on the Apple icon in the upper left-hand corner of your desktop and click on “Software Update...”



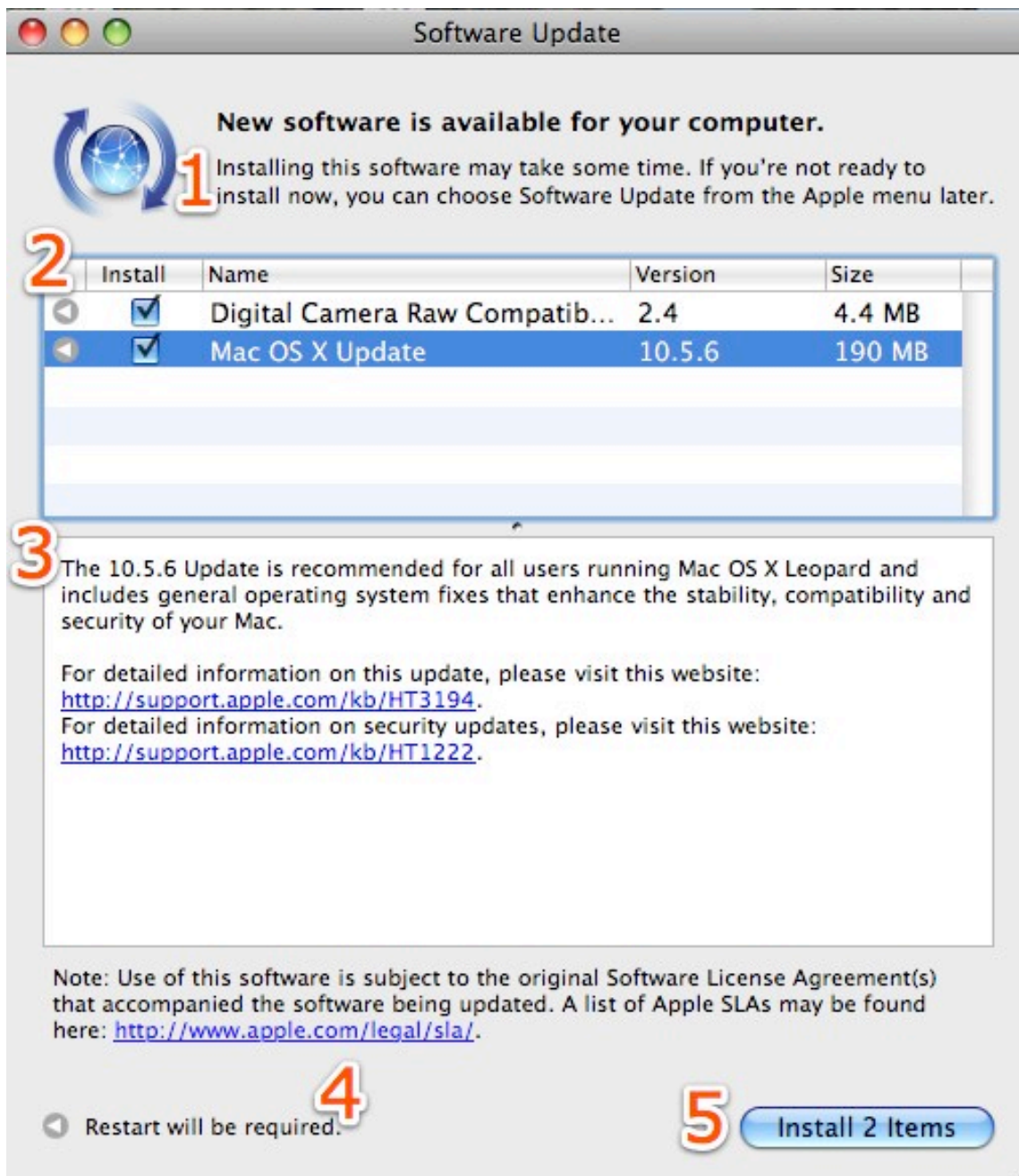
A new “Software Update” window will open to tell you that the computer is checking for new software.



Once done, the Software Update window will display information regarding the software you need to install.

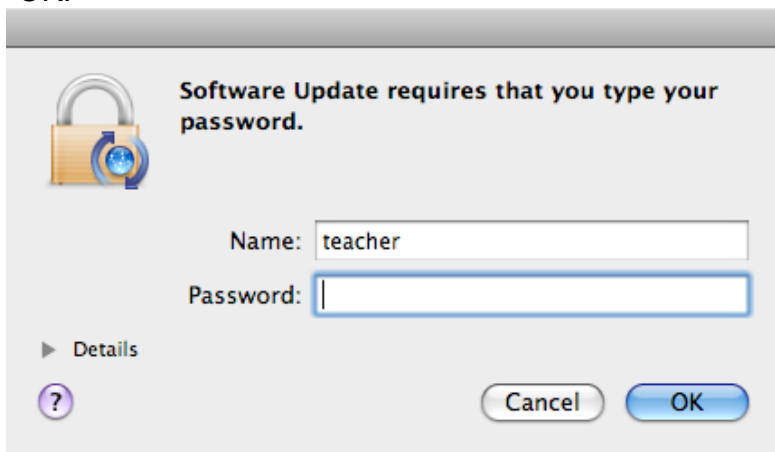
Here is a breakdown of that window:

- 1 – Remember, If you feel you don't have time to run the update now, you can always run the Update later.
- 2 – You will see the name of the software, the version, and the size of the file. When the box is checked next to the name, this means you want to install the software.
- 3 – When you single-click and highlight one of the software titles, you will see a description of that software and the reasons for its installation.
- 4 – You will also be told if this installation requires your computer to be restarted. Remember – in order for software updates to actually be installed, your computer **MUST** be restarted.
- 5 – When you have selected the software you want to install (remember to check the box next to its name) you can click on the "Install" button.



(This graphic was created using a partial screenshot & Skitch.)

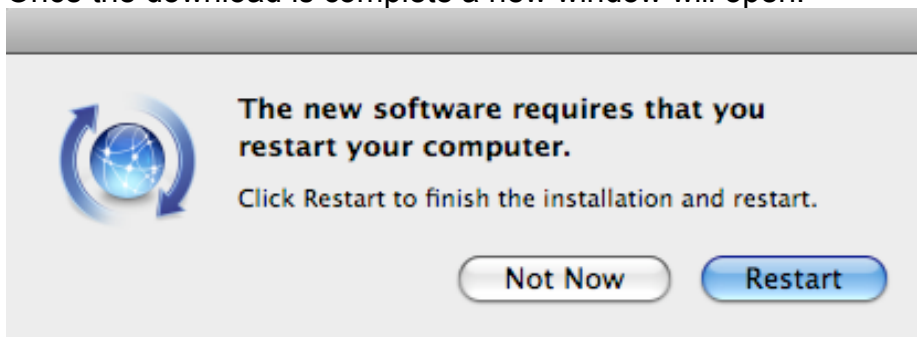
After clicking on the Install button you will be prompted to enter your password. When done, click “OK.”



Your software will begin to download. You will see how long the estimated downloading time will be. Once again, if you don't think you have the necessary time, click on “Stop” and complete the process at a later time.



Once the download is complete a new window will open:



After clicking “Restart” the Software Update window will show you that you are “Installing X items.” (I wasn't able to take a screenshot of this window.) The installation process will probably take longer than the downloading.

One the items have installed, your computer will restart on its own. This will take a little longer than usual and you will probably see several different blue screens during this time. You will end up back at your usual log-in screen. You can no log-in and take advantage of your updated software!